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Appellants: DAUDELIN et al.
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OPERATIONAL AREA OF A SUBSCRIBER STATION

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APPELLANTS' BRIEF ON APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §41.37

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §41.37, Appellants submit the following:

I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST:

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II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES:

There are no known appeals or interferences that will affect, be directly affected by, or have a bearing on the Board's decision in this Appeal.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 18 being written in independent form. Appellants canceled no claims during prosecution.

No claims are allowed, and claims 4-17 and 23-25 would be allowed if they were rewritten independent form.

Claims 1, 2, 18, and 19 remain finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,711,000 to Ploeg et al. ("Ploeg"). Claims 3 and 20-22 remain finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,711,000 to Ploeg et al. ("Ploeg") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,026,304 to Hilsenrath et al. ("Hilsenrath").

Claims 1-3 and 18-22 are on appeal, and these claims are set forth in the attached Appendix.

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS:

No amendments were filed subsequent to the Final Rejection filed August 3, 2004.

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER:

The claimed invention is directed to a method for monitoring the operational area of one or more subscriber stations.¹ FIG. 1A illustrates a block diagram of a wireless communication system 11 for determining

¹ Page 2, lines 1-2 of the Specification.

whether one or more subscriber stations 26 are operating within an authorized coverage area 36. Base stations 10 provide coverage defined in terms of cells or sectors thereof. A restricted coverage area 38 and an authorized coverage area 36 may be defined for each corresponding subscriber station 26.²

An authorized coverage area 36 includes a region within a cell or a sector, which the subscriber station 26 is authorized to use. The authorized coverage area 36 in FIG. 1A may be associated with the signal coverage provided by one or more base stations.³ A restricted coverage area 38 includes one or more cells or sectors, or geographic portions thereof, which represent a service area that the subscriber station 26 is not authorized to use. In FIG. 1A, the restricted coverage area 38 is indicated by the dashed lines and surrounds the authorized coverage area 36.⁴

A base station 10 that ordinarily provides coverage to the subscriber station 26 in the authorized coverage area 36 communicates with a base station controller 34.⁵ The base station controller 34 is coupled to a wireless switching center 32. The wireless switching center 32 is coupled to an authentication center 28 and a home location register 30. A subscriber station 26 may transmit to one or more base stations 10 via a reverse channel.⁶

An operational area monitor 12 may be implemented as software instructions on an existing or commercially available base station 10 or by the addition of both hardware and software instructions to an existing base station 10. The operational area monitor 12 includes an antenna monitor

² Page. 3, lines 21-25 of the Specification.

³ Page 4, lines 4-5 of the Specification.

⁴ Page 4, lines 9-13 of the Specification.

⁵ Page 4, lines 15-16 of the Specification.

⁶ Page 4, lines 15-21 of the Specification.

14 and a propagational delay measurer 16 coupled to a processor 18. In turn, the processor 18 is coupled to a storage device 19.⁷

Example Embodiments of the system according to the present invention may be, for example, a code-division multiple access system.⁸ Referring to FIG. 1B, the subscriber station 26 transmits a reverse channel signal to the base station 10. In the context of a code-division multiple access system, the baseband signal modulation includes spreading by a pseudo-random code sequence. To demodulate the signal, a demodulator of the base station 10 must despread the received modulated signal by the same pseudo-random code sequence used for encoding, but by a temporal offset that depends on the delay encountered by the reverse channel signal during propagation between the subscriber station 26 and the base station 10.⁹ A receiver of the base station 10 preferably comprises a rake receiver, which independently demodulates different temporally offset versions of the receive signal 107 from a subscriber station 26 and then combines the different versions, to achieve diversity gain where possible. The rake receiver includes multiple demodulators, which are sometimes referred to as fingers.¹⁰ Each finger of the rake receiver may be dynamically assigned a unique temporal offset, which may be referred to as the propagational delay factor. At a sampling interval, a finger is preferably assigned to a specific propagational delay and a specific antenna. The propagational delay represents a temporal offset which when applied to a reference pseudo-random code allows demodulation of a receive signal by the finger.¹¹

Returning to FIG. 1A, a propagational delay measurer 16 measures the number of observations of various propagational delays for a given

⁷ Page 4, lines 28-29 and Page 5, lines 1-5 of the Specification.

⁸ Page 5, lines 22-23 of the Specification.

⁹ Page 5, lines 22-28 of the Specification.

¹⁰ Page 5, line 28-page 6, line 4 of the Specification.

¹¹ Page 6, lines 12-17 of the Specification.

subscriber station 26 during a call or data transmission.¹² The propagational delays refer to the different propagational delays that are present in the uplink receive signals that traverse different propagational paths from the subscriber station 26 to the base station 10. As discussed above, in a code-division, multiple-access (CDMA) system, the propagational delay measurer 16 may measure a propagational delay by comparing a reference pseudo-random code sequence with the received pseudo-random code sequence.¹³ The time offset between the reference pseudo-random code sequence and the received pseudo-random code sequence represents the propagational delay factor.¹⁴ Each of the observed propagational delays falls within a range of possible propagational delays between the subscriber station 26 and the base station 10 serving the subscriber station 26 when the subscriber station is operating in the authorized coverage area.¹⁵

A fingerprint refers to a snapshot of the signal characteristics of a received signal 107.¹⁶ The signal characteristics may include, for example, one or more of the following: propagational delay, antenna identifier, and signal quality indicator. Received signals may be assigned to and demodulated by, for example, RAKE receiver fingers of one or more antennas. The operational area monitor 12 may form a composite fingerprint (discussed in more detail below) by periodically collecting the fingerprints of, in one example embodiment, mature fingers. A mature finger is defined as a finger, which has been assigned to a seemingly valid receive signal for a significant period of time (e.g., 200 milliseconds).¹⁷

¹² Page 7, lines 1-4 of the Specification.

¹³ Page 7, lines 4-9 of the Specification.

¹⁴ Page 7, lines 9-10 of the Specification.

¹⁵ Page 7, lines 18-23 of the Specification.

¹⁶ Page 8, lines 8-9 of the Specification.

¹⁷ Page 8, lines 10-16 of the Specification.

As shown in the flow chart of FIG. 2A, prior to monitoring the operational area of a subscriber station, the operational area monitor 12 takes a characteristic composite fingerprint of a subscriber station 26 in step S100. A characteristic composite fingerprint is a statistical compilation of multiple fingerprints taken while a subscriber station 26 is operating within its authorized operational area. The characteristic composite fingerprint is considered a representative superset of any composite fingerprint taken from the authorized area. The characteristic composite fingerprint provides a reference for subsequent comparison to an operational composite fingerprint.¹⁸ In accordance with a first technique, which may be used in step S100, a composite fingerprint may be defined in terms of a first histogram and a second histogram. The first histogram includes observations of propagational delays taken for a particular subscriber station 26 during a call or data transmission over multiple sampling intervals. The second histogram includes observations per antenna identifier taken for a particular subscriber station during a call or data transmission over multiple sampling intervals.¹⁹

¹⁸ Page 9, lines 6-13 of the Specification.

¹⁹ Page 12, lines 22-28 of the Specification.

During monitoring, such as during a call, the operational area monitor 12 takes occasional fingerprints of the received signals 107 and forms an operational composite fingerprint in step S102.²⁰ The difference between an operational composite fingerprint and a characteristic composite fingerprint is that the operational composite fingerprint may be associated with any location of the subscriber station, whereas the characteristic composite fingerprint is only associated with an authorized coverage area.²¹ An operational composite fingerprint is a statistical compilation of the data from multiple fingerprints of the received signals 107, which are sampled from a subscriber station 26 during a call duration or data transmission duration.

As discussed above, a composite fingerprint has a distribution of signal characteristics (e.g., propagational delay and antenna identifiers) which are influenced by the location and physical features of the operational area from which the subscriber station 26 transmits.²² If the subscriber station 26 transmits from a second operational area that is different from and sufficiently geographically separated from a first operational area, a first composite fingerprint associated with the first operational area is likely to differ from a second composite fingerprint associated with the second operational area in a statistically significant manner.²³

Accordingly, in step S104 of FIG. 2A, the operational composite fingerprint may be compared with a previously computed characteristic composite fingerprint to determine whether the subscriber station is operating outside of an authorized operational area.²⁴

²⁰ Page 14, lines 18-21 of the Specification.

²¹ Page 9, line 29-page 10, line 4 of the Specification.

²² Page 9, lines 14-21 of the Specification.

²³ Page 9, lines 24-28 of the Specification.

²⁴ Page 10, lines 4-9 and page 14, line 29-page 15, line 4 of the Specification.

VI. GROUND OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL:

Appellants seek the Board's review of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 18, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,711,000 to Ploeg et al. ("Ploeg"); and of claims 3 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,711,000 to Ploeg et al. ("Ploeg") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,026,304 to Hilsenrath et al. ("Hilsenrath").

VII. ARGUMENTS:

A. Appellants traverse the rejection of claims 1, 2, 18, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,711,000 to Ploeg et al. ("Ploeg").

Claims 1-3 and 18-22 rise and fall together.

i. Claim 1:

Ploeg is directed to a topology verification process for controlling a personal communication services system.²⁵ Spatial relationships of the base stations (CFPs) are mapped using Received Signal Strength Indication (RSSI) vectors, which result from test signals transmitted between the base stations (CFPs), to establish the topology of the system. The mapping process is repeated after any disruption of power to the system, and the topology results are compared. Any significant change in the topology results is indicative of a potential change in the geographic area of operation of the system, and can be used to initiate disablement of the system operation. Ploeg does not, however, provide any teaching or suggestion of an operational composite fingerprint of a "mobile subscriber

²⁵ See Abstract of Ploeg.

station", nor a characteristic composite fingerprint associated with an "authorized area", as set forth in claim 1. Ploeg is directed to the positioning of base stations (CFPs).

With regard to Fig. 1, Ploeg discloses a PCS system including seven Cordless Fixed Parts (CFPs) 10a – 10g, which are connected to a central control unit (CCU).²⁶ Each of the CFPs 10 function as an individual base station, transmitting and receiving signals to and from cordless portable parts (CPPs) or mobile stations 18a-18d.²⁷

Fig. 2 illustrates the topology verification process of Ploeg. Three CFPs 10r, 10s, and 10t are illustrated. CFPs 10r and 10s are positioned 20.0 meters from one another, CFPs 10s and 10t are positioned 30.0 meters from one another, and CFPs 10r and 10t are positioned 40.0 meters from one another.²⁸ Each CFP 10 transmits a test signal under control of the CCU 14 in order to establish an RSSI signature during an initialization sequence.²⁹ This test signal is received by other CFPs 10, and the RSSI data received from each CFP 10 is recorded by the CCU 14, which creates an RSSI vector for each CFP 10.

Subsequently, an RSSI signature is formed using at least a sample of the RSSI vectors.³⁰ The RSSI signature generally captures a spatial relationship perspective of the system.³¹ After a power disruption, or a determined interval, received RSSI data is utilized to generate an RSSI Test result in a manner similar to the determination of the RSSI signature.³² The RSSI Test result is compared to the RSSI signature in order to

²⁶ See Ploeg, col. 3, ll. 54-59.

²⁷ See Ploeg col. 3, ll. 64-67.

²⁸ See Ploeg, col. 4, ll. 53-56.

²⁹ See Ploeg, col. 5, ll. 5-7.

³⁰ See Ploeg, col. 5, ll. 10-12.

³¹ See Ploeg, col. 5, ll. 46-48.

³² See Ploeg, col. 5, ll. 13-15.

determine if there is a significant difference between the RSSI Test result and the RSSI signature.³³

In the event there is a significant difference, it is determined that one or more of the CFPs 10 has geographically moved.³⁴ A control signal from the CCU 14 subsequently disables all of the CFPs 10.

As discussed above, Ploeg is directed to determining a spatial relationship between multiple base stations (CFPs) in a Personal Communication System (PCS) system, which includes both base stations (CFPs) and mobile stations (CPPs). Ploeg is concerned with base station signals and does not disclose anything, which could even remotely be construed as determining if a mobile subscriber station is operating within an "authorized area"³⁵. Thus, Ploeg cannot disclose or suggest determining if the "mobile subscriber station is operating within the authorized area", as set forth in claim 1.³⁶

Based on the foregoing, Appellants assert that even assuming *arguendo* that the teachings of Ploeg could be incorporated into a mobile station as asserted by the Examiner³⁷, which Appellants do not admit for at least the reasons set forth below, Ploeg still fails to make any mention or suggestion of an "authorized area", as set forth in claim 1. Instead, as discussed above, Ploeg is concerned with the determination of the spatial relationships between multiple base stations (CFPs), making no mention or suggestion of any "authorized area", with which any fingerprint is associated.

³³ See Ploeg, col. 5, ll. 16-17.

³⁴ See Ploeg, col. 5, ll. 19-21.

³⁵ See claim 1 of the present application.

³⁶ See page 2 of the August 3, 2004 Final Office Action, where the Examiner admits Ploeg does not disclose a the application of his method to a "mobile subscriber station".

³⁷ See page 2 of the August 3, 2004 Final Office Action.

Accordingly, Ploeg cannot teach or suggest a “characteristic composite fingerprint” associated with an “authorized area”, as set forth in claim 1.

Further, Appellants submit that the Examiner has not supplied requisite evidence to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

The Examiner acknowledges that Ploeg does not teach or suggest an application of his method to a “mobile subscriber station”³⁸, but alleges it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan to “incorporate the method in a mobile subscriber station”³⁹. The Examiner does not cite any motivation for modifying the teachings of Ploeg⁴⁰, but instead the Examiner submits:

...it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the method in a mobile subscriber station as Ploeg's subscriber station (cordless fixed part) and a mobile subscriber station both have transceiver functionality. Either a fixed station or a mobile station can generate the composite fingerprints, as only transceiver functionality is required to do so.⁴¹

From the above statement by the Examiner, it appears the Examiner alleges that it would have been obvious to incorporate the method of Ploeg into a mobile subscriber station because a base station and a mobile station “both have transceiver functionality”, and “only transceiver functionality is required to [generate composite fingerprints]”.⁴² However, Appellants strongly disagree with the Examiner's conclusion. This

³⁸ See claim 1 of the present application.

³⁹ See claim 1 of the present application.

⁴⁰ See page 2 of the August 3, 2004 Final Office Action.

⁴¹ See page 2 of the August 3, 2004 Final Office Action.

⁴² See page 2 of the August 3, 2004 Final Office Action.

reasoning by the Examiner is a classic “could have” combined argument: The test for obviousness, however, is “would have.” The Examiner has provided no reason as to why one of ordinary skill in the art would have incorporated the topology verification process for seldom moved base stations into constantly moving mobile subscriber stations.

Appellants submit that the Examiner has not supplied evidence of the necessary motivation needed to lead one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teachings of Ploeg as forth in two cases decided by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC), *In re Dembiczak*, 175 F.3d 994, 999, 50 USPQ2d 1614, 1617 (Fed.Cir. 1999) and *In re Kotzab*, 217 F.3d 1365, 1371, 55 USPQ2d 1313, 1317 (Fed.Cir. 2000). Instead, it appears the Examiner has made use of impermissible hindsight reconstruction. It appears the Examiner has used the present application as a blueprint, and then alleged that Ploeg could be modified to include the missing elements without identifying or discussing any specific evidence of motivation to modify Ploeg.

As such, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been properly established. Therefore, Appellants assert that claims 1 and 2 are allowable for at least the reasons above.

ii. Claim 18:

Claim 18 defines a system, which performs the method as set forth in claim 1. More specifically, claim 18 includes “a monitor”⁴³, which performs the monitoring step of claim 1, and “a processor”⁴⁴, which performs the determining step of claim 1. As is clear from the discussion of claim 1 above, at least these functions (as recited in claim 18), in combination with

⁴³ See claim 18 of the present application.

⁴⁴ See claim 18 of the present application.

the other features defined by claim 18, are not taught or suggested by the prior art relied upon by the Examiner. Further, as shown above, the Examiner has not established a proper *prima facie* case of obviousness based on Ploeg.

B. Appellants traverse the rejection of claims 3 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,711,000 to Ploeg et al. ("Ploeg") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,026,304 to Hilsenrath et al. ("Hilsenrath").

i. Claims 3 and 20-22:

As discussed above, Ploeg does not anticipate or render claim 1 or claim 18 obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Further, Appellants assert that even assuming *arguendo* that Ploeg and Hilsenrath could be combined, Hilsenrath would still fail to make up for the deficiencies of Ploeg with respect to claims 1 and 18. Therefore, claims 3 and 20-22, dependent on claims 1 and 18, are patentable over Ploeg and Hilsenrath for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claims 1 and 18.

VIII. Conclusion:

Appellants respectfully request the Board to reverse the Examiner's anticipation and/or obviousness rejection of claims 1-3 and 18-22.

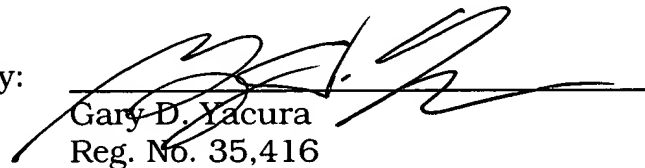
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CLAIMS APPENDIX

Claims 1-3 and 18-22 on Appeal:

1. A method for monitoring whether a mobile subscriber station is operating in an authorized area of the mobile subscriber station, the method comprising:

monitoring an operational composite fingerprint of the mobile subscriber station; and

comparing the operational composite fingerprint to a characteristic composite fingerprint of the mobile subscriber station to determine if the mobile subscriber station is operating within the authorized area; the characteristic composite fingerprint being associated with the authorized area.

2. The method according to claim 1 further comprising, prior to the comparing step, the step of defining the characteristic composite fingerprint for the mobile subscriber station associated with operating in the authorized area.

3. The method according to claim 2 wherein the defining step comprises organizing a first histogram of observations of propagational delays associated with a reverse link transmission of the mobile subscriber station from the authorized area.

18. A system for monitoring whether a mobile subscriber station is operating in an authorized area of the mobile subscriber station, the system comprising:

a monitor for monitoring an operational composite fingerprint of the mobile subscriber station; and

a processor for comparing the operational composite fingerprint to a characteristic composite fingerprint of a mobile subscriber station to determine if the mobile subscriber station is operating within the authorized area; the characteristic composite fingerprint being associated with the authorized area.

19. The system according to claim 18 further comprising a storage device for storing the characteristic composite fingerprint for a mobile subscriber station associated with operating in the authorized area.

20. The system according to claim 18 wherein the monitor comprises an antenna monitor for monitoring the number of temporally offset receive signals, originating from a transmission of the mobile subscriber station, incident upon each distinct uplink antenna set of a base station.

21. The system according to claim 18 wherein the monitor comprises a propagational delay measurer for measuring the propagational delays of temporally offset receive signals originating from a transmission of the mobile subscriber station.

22. The system according to claim 18 wherein the characteristic composite fingerprint includes a first histogram of observations of propagational delays associated with a reverse link transmission of the mobile subscriber station from the authorized area.